

## House Resolution No. 1321

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the Hopkins Journal, which commemorated the resplendent occasion of its One Hundred Thirtieth Anniversary in February of 2005; and

**Whereas**, the Hopkins Journal first hit the presses in February of 1875, since which time it has maintained its commitment to bringing community issues to readers in a down-home style; and

**Whereas**, on February 14, 1875, the first issue of the Hopkins Journal was published by the paper's founder, James M. Pierce, who sold the paper to W.L. "Deacon" Moorhead in 1883, whose descendants were involved in the operation of the Journal for the next eighty-four years; and

**Whereas**, current publisher and editor Darla Thompson purchased the Hopkins Journal in 1998 after working there for five years; and

**Whereas**, the only surviving paper in Nodaway County outside of Maryville, the Hopkins Journal today has a circulation of 750, which is significant when considering the population of the City of Hopkins is 579; and

**Whereas**, today, the Hopkins Journal is designed with computers and is published on the printing press at the Maryville Daily Forum, while many of the original printing tools and equipment from the Journal are on display at the Hopkins Historical Society:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to all those dedicated individuals affiliated with the Hopkins Journal upon this very special anniversary event; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Hopkins Journal.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Brad Lager  
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I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 1321, adopted March 17, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker